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*Venice, April* 1. *N. S.*

THE Cardinal *d'Eſtrees* preſſing this Republick for a poſitive Declaration upon the Inſtances he has made to them by Order of the Court of *France*, they have returned him this Anſwer; That the Republick having conſidered the preſent Poſture of their Affairs, find they ought to look upon thoſe as their Friends who would not have this State become the Seat of War; And it not being their part to Determine concerning the Reaſons for the Proceedings, either of the Emperor, or of the Crowns of *France* and *Spain*, they think it juſt, that thoſe Powers ſhould conſider the Republick in that ſtate of Friendſhip which they profeſs, and that they muſt always look upon thoſe as Enemies that would bring a War into their Country. The Cardinal has hereupon diſpatched a Courier to the *French* Court; and in the mean time, till the Expreſs returns, intends to go and make a Viſit to Cardinal *Cornaro* at *Padua*. The Senate having received Advice, that ſome *French* Troops are advanced near *Peſchiera*, a Fortreſs belonging to this Republick, which commands an Important Paſs on the Lake *di Guarda*, and that they ſeem to have a deſign upon that Place, Orders are ſent to Proveditore *Molino* to reinforce the Garriſon forthwith, and to go himſelf thither. They continue to raiſe Soldiers in the *Venetian* Territories in *Italy*; And the City and Territory of *Bergamo* have offered to raiſe 3000 Men at their own Expence, *Breſcia* 2000, and *Crema* 700. Signior *Grimani*, who was General of the *Venetian* Forces in the *Morea*, is returned hither. Signior *Grimani*, his Brother, is alſo arrived from *Dalmatia*, having finiſhed his Negociation for ſettling the Limits between the *Venetian* and *Turkiſh* Territories. Some Forces are arrived here from the *Morea*, which are ordered to *Verona*.

*Vienna, April* 2. The Emperor's Forces, Foot, Horſe, and Dragoons, are all actually on their March to *Italy*, except the 4 Regiments of Horſe laſt named for that Expedition, who are to begin their March on the 20th of this month. The Generals Count *Guido Staremberg*, *Herberſtein*, and *Guttenſtein*, are gone to receive and poſt theſe Forces as they arrive at *Roveredo*; and Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*, who is to have the Chief Command of the Army, will be going thither in a fortnight There are 20 Pieces of Cannon ſent from *Gorman*, a Place near *Lintz*, towards the general Rendezvous, and the reſt of the Artillery deſigned for this Service, which will make a Train of 75 Pieces of Cannon, are in a readineſs here, and will be ſent away in few days. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* having finally ſettled all Matters with the Emperor's Miniſters, in relation to his taking upon him the Chief Command of the Imperial Army on the *Rhine*, has deſired his Audience of Leave of the Emperor, intending to go firſt to his Houſe in *Bohemia*, and from thence to *Germany* the beginning of the next Month. He is likewiſe to have the General Government and Inſpection of all the Places on the *Rhine* which belong to the Emperor, Independant in Military Matters of the Regency of *Tirol*, under whoſe Juriſdiction they are. The Duke of *Moles*, Ambaſſador from *Spain*, is going with the Emperor's Leave to *Nuſdorp*, about a league from hence, where he deſigns to ſtay till he receives his Revocation from the Court of *Spain*. Count *d'Aversberg* is expected in 2 or 3 days from *Madrid*. Count *Rapach* is appointed to go with the Character of the Emperor's Envoy to the Princes of the Circle of the *Lower Saxony*. The Count *de Paar* is gone from hence to *Berlin*, with a Compliment from the Emperor to the King of *Pruſſia*.

*Francfort, April* 10. The Regiment of Granadiers, and two other Regiments of Foot of the Elector of *Bavaria*'s Forces, which were in the *Spaniſh Netherlands*, paſſed by this Place yeſterday in Boats, going up the *Mein* as far as *Wertheim*, from whence they are to march to *Bavaria*, and the other 3 *Bavarian* Regiments are expected here to morrow. They write from the *Upper Alſace*, that ſeveral *French* Regiments which were quartered in *Burgundy*, are marchingh towards *Colmar*, near which Place 'tis thought they deſign to form a Flying Camp, to obſerve the Imperial Troops in the *Briſgau*. The laſt Letters from *Switzerland* ſay, the Cantons are very much ſollicited by the Emperor on one ſide, and by the Crowns of *France* and *Spain* on the other, to enter into their Intereſts, but ſeem rather enclined to a Neutrality.

*Cologne, April* 12. About 200 Men of the Forces of *Paderborn* arrived here the 8th Inſtant, and the next day came in a Company of thoſe of the *Upper Rhine*; and 'tis ſaid, our Garriſon is to be augmented to 6000 Men. The Elector of *Cologne* has reſolved to raiſe a Regiment of Cuiraſſiers, one of Dragoons, and one of Foot, for the Emperor's Service. They write from *Coblentz*, that the Elector of *Triers* has cauſed 3000 Men to be Liſted in the Archbiſhoprick of *Triers*, who are obliged to take up Arms whenever they ſhall be required, and that his Electoral Highneſs intends, if there be occaſion, to put them in Garriſon at *Coblentz* and *Ehrenſtein*.

*Hamburgh, April* 12. The Sieur *Testau* is arrived here from *Berlin*, in his Journey to *Copenhagen*, whither he is going with a Compliment from the King of *Pruſſia* to the King of *Denmark*. Letters from *Berlin* adviſe, that Orders are given for 7 Battalions of Foot, 3 Regiments of Horſe, and 2 of Dragoons, of the Forces of *Brandinburgh*, to march towards the Dutchy of *Cleves*. They write from *Stockholm*, that the Tranſport of Forces which are ordered from *Sweden* to *Livonia*, will be ready to be ſent away by the middle of *May*; and that theſe Succours, with the Troops the King of *Sweden* has already in *Livonia*, and with a Body of *Finlanders* who are marching thither, will make an Army of 40000 Men. 'Tis ſaid, a Negociation is ſet on foot by the *French* Miniſter in *Poland*, for accommodating the Differences between the Kings of *Sweden* and *Poland*, and the Czar of *Muſcovy*.

*Briſſels*,